



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE TAPE OR SHEET

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Please consider the remarks below in response to the Action mailed November 5, 2004.

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Office Action contains a single rejection. Specifically, Claims 1-9 have been rejected under **35 U.S.C. § 103(a)** as being unpatentable over PCT Publication WO 99/35202 (WO '02) in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,693,405, 5,914,173, or 6,680,098 (US '405, US '173, or US '098).

Applicants respectfully traverse.

The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet of Claim 1 comprises a base material comprising a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. According to Claim 1, the base material of Claim 1 contains *substantially no halogen atoms*. Also, a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is formed on one side of the base material. On the other side of the base material, there is provided at least one of a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions or both of them united to the base material.